

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

***EXPRESS YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT UNFAIR OR EXCESSIVE
ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES
BY FEDERAL REGULATORY AGENCIES.***

REGULATORY FAIRNESS BOARD HEARING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

**TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2004
8:30 AM TO NOON**

The hearing will be conducted before the
Regulatory Fairness Board and National
Ombudsman Barrera in the SBA Seattle
District Office:

**1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 1700
Corner of Sixth and University
Seattle, WA 98101-1128**

The hearing will be teleconferenced between
Seattle and Spokane so that Spokane small
business owners can testify to the board and
hear from National Ombudsman Barrera:

**SBA Spokane Branch Office
801 West Riverside Ave., Suite 240
Spokane, WA 99201 - 0901**

**If you are a small-business owner and believe you have been
unfairly fined or penalized (e.g. excessive fines, inadequate information,
severe deadlines) by a federal government agency, READ ON.**

The U.S. Small Business Administration will host a hearing moderated by SBA's National Ombudsman, *Michael L. Barrera*. Small businesses can testify about federal regulatory enforcement to congressional officials, regional fairness board members and Federal Regulatory agencies. This session is bilingual – Mandarin Chinese.

In 1996, Congress passed the Small Business Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA). *This legislation empowers a national Small Business & Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman to receive, substantiate and report to Congress complaints and comments from small business owners regarding unfair regulatory enforcement and compliance activities by federal agencies.*

**IF YOU OR A MEMBER OF YOUR ORGANIZATION WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON AN UNFAIR FEDERAL
REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT ACTION OR WANT TO ATTEND THIS PUBLIC HEARING, CONTACT:**

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